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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change or Jan. 2002 from	Seasonally adjusted percent change from		Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change or Jan. 2002 from	Seasonally adjusted percent change from	
	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001	Dec. to Jan.
All items	177.1	1.1	0.3	0.2	175.2	0.9	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	530.4				515.9			
Food and beverages	176.2	2.0	.4	.3	175.7	2.0	.4	.3
Food	176.2	2.0	.4	.3	175.7	2.0	.4	.3
Food at home	176.2	2.0	.4	.3	175.7	2.0	.4	.3
Cereals and bakery products	184.7	2.9	.7	.4	184.7	3.0	.8	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.1	2.4	.1	.0	162.0	2.4	.1	.0
Dairy and related products	169.9	3.9	-.5	-.5	169.7	3.4	-.5	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	227.9	5.7	4.9	3.3	223.0	5.8	4.9	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.5	1	.7	-.4	138.8	1	.4	-.7
Other food at home	161.3	2.2	.2	-.3	161.0	2.0	.1	-.3
Super and variety	158.4	1.7	5.5	-.3	158.5	2.0	3.7	.4
Fats and oils	158.3	3.5	.9	-.3	158.0	3.4	1.0	-.4
Other foods	177.4	2.1	-.3	-.4	177.9	2.2	-.2	-.5
Other miscellaneous foods 1, 2	108.9	-.1	.4	-.4	109.1	.1	.3	.3
Food away from home 1, 2	174.4	2.9	.2	-.2	174.4	2.9	.2	-.2
Other food away from home 1, 2	115.5	3.0	.0	.0	115.0	3.0	.0	.0
Alcoholic beverages	181.8	2.4	.5	.3	181.4	2.8	.5	.4
Housing	177.4	2.0	.4	-.2	175.4	1.9	.3	.2
Shelter	204.5	4.1	.4	.3	199.7	4.2	.5	.4
Rent of primary residence 3	197.0	4.7	.3	.3	194.3	4.4	.3	.3
Lodging away from home 1, 2	113.1	-.9	4.1	-.7	113.2	-.5	4.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 1, 2	211.4	4.5	.3	.3	192.3	4.5	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance 1, 2	106.4	3.0	-.1	-.1	104.4	3.1	.1	.1
Fuels and utilities	141.5	4.0	-.5	-.2	140.8	4.1	-.5	-.2
Fuels	125.3	10.4	-.7	-.4	124.2	10.4	-.8	-.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	112.9	24.0	.3	-.9	113.0	24.7	.3	-1.1
Gas (liquid) and electricity 1	112.4	9.1	-.9	-.4	111.4	9.3	-.8	-.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.7	1.1	-.2	-.4	125.6	1.4	-.3	-.5
Apparel	129.4	4.0	2.7	-.7	119.4	3.4	2.0	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	129.8	3.7	1.8	-.1	121.0	3.0	1.4	-.1
Women's and girls' apparel	129.7	4.0	4.4	-.9	118.5	4.2	4.4	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1	125.9	1.9	2.7	2.7	124.7	1.0	2.8	-2.0
Footwear	117.1	3.5	2.9	-1.4	117.7	3.1	2.7	-1.3
Transportation	149.8	3.8	.1	.3	147.5	4.2	.1	.2
Private transportation	144.4	3.9	.1	.1	144.4	3.9	.1	.1
New and used motor vehicles 2	140.0	1.3	-.4	-.5	140.3	1.4	-.7	-.5
New vehicles	142.7	-.7	.4	-.4	143.8	-.7	.4	-.6
Used cars and trucks	135.4	3.0	1.0	-.4	134.5	3.2	1.0	-.4
Motor fuel	97.9	82.7	3.9	2.9	98.2	82.7	3.9	2.9
Gasoline (all types) 1	97.2	82.7	3.9	2.7	97.4	82.7	3.9	2.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	104.2	2.5	.4	.4	105.3	2.2	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	187.1	3.4	.4	-.3	188.6	3.4	.4	.3
Public transportation	205.8	2.1	.5	.2	201.0	1.4	.4	.2
Medical care	278.4	4.7	.7	.5	278.5	4.8	.8	.5
Medical care commodities	252.4	4.3	.4	.3	247.4	4.1	.4	.3
Medical care services 1	226.2	4.8	1.0	-.5	231.7	4.7	1.0	.1
Professional services 1	250.4	3.5	.7	.3	251.8	3.2	.7	.3
Hospital and related services 1	253.1	7.5	1.4	.9	248.2	7.5	1.3	.9
Recreation 2	185.7	1.5	.4	-.3	184.2	1.2	.4	-.3
Video and audio 1	142.1	.9	.9	.5	171.4	.4	.9	.5
Education and communication 2	187.2	3.2	.3	.3	187.1	3.0	.2	.4
Education 1	122.4	5.0	.5	.4	122.7	5.0	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies	101.0	4.8	3.0	2.0	105.2	4.2	2.7	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	153.2	4.6	.5	.3	144.2	5.0	.3	.5
Communication 1, 2	91.4	1	.0	.0	94.7	.3	.1	.1
Information and information processing 1, 2	92.2	1.0	-.1	-.1	94.0	.2	.1	.1
Telephone services 1, 2	100.3	1.5	.4	.4	100.4	1.4	.5	.5
Information and information processing other than telephone services 1, 2	19.4	-14.4	-2.0	-2.3	20.1	-15.3	-2.4	-2.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment 1, 2	24.4	-29.7	-2.0	-2.0	24.3	-29.2	-2.0	-2.0
Other goods and services	287.2	4.1	.3	.3	294.0	4.4	.2	.2
Tobacco and smoking products 1	432.8	7.0	.3	.3	431.2	7.1	.1	.1
Personal care 1	175.2	3.0	.3	.3	175.2	2.7	.2	.2
Personal care products 1	155.2	-.3	-.3	-.3	155.9	.1	-.3	-.3
Personal care services 1	184.3	2.4	-.3	-.3	187.0	2.7	-.1	-.1
Miscellaneous personal services	276.4	5.1	.7	.4	269.8	5.0	.7	.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	147.8	1.5	-.1	-.1	148.3	1.7	-.1	.0
Food and beverages	176.2	2.0	.4	.3	175.7	2.0	.4	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	131.4	4.2	.5	-.1	132.7	4.4	.5	-.1
Nonalcoholic less food and beverages	137.9	5.0	.4	.1	138.9	4.3	.4	.1
Apparel	129.4	4.0	2.7	-.7	119.4	3.4	2.0	-1.0
Nonalcoholic less food, beverages, and apparel	132.5	4.5	.7	-.5	134.2	4.1	.7	-.5
Durable	123.4	1.8	.4	-.4	124.5	2.0	.4	-.4
Services	204.3	3.0	.5	.3	207.5	3.0	.4	.3
Rent of shelter 1	213.0	4.3	.4	.3	191.4	4.3	.5	.3
Transportation services	205.2	5.1	.4	.3	203.4	5.0	.4	.3
Other services	242.9	3.0	.4	.4	238.3	3.7	.4	.3
Special indices								
All items less food	177.4	.9	.3	.2	175.7	.5	.1	.2
All items less medical care	171.7	.9	.2	.2	169.5	.7	.1	.2
Commodities less food	133.5	4.0	.4	-.1	134.5	4.1	.4	-.1
Nonalcoholic less food	140.5	5.7	.3	.1	141.4	5.7	.3	.1
Nonalcoholic less food and apparel	154.5	5.9	.7	.5	155.8	5.1	.7	.4
Nonalcoholic	157.0	6.3	.1	.1	157.5	6.5	.1	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1	213.9	1.9	.3	.3	199.9	1.7	.3	.3
Services less medical care services	189.2	2.8	.5	.1	189.7	2.8	.4	.1
Energy	111.7	-35.7	.3	-.9	110.5	-34.2	.4	1.0
All items less energy	185.7	3.4	.3	.3	181.0	3.5	.3	.3
All items less food and energy	144.2	2.4	.2	.2	143.4	2.4	.1	.1
Commodity less food and energy commodities	143.7	2.4	.2	.2	144.4	2.4	.1	.1
Energy commodity	99.3	-32.4	1.7	0.3	99.2	-32.0	1.7	0.4
Services less energy services	213.0	1.9	.3	.3	210.4	4.1	.5	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982=100)	1.545				1.577			
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=100)	1.188				1.194			

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a lagged price estimator. All other item index series converted to a geometric mean estimator in January, 1999.

4 U-population indexes on a December 1992=100 base.

5 U-population indexes on a December 1994=100 base.

6 Indexes on a December 1980=100 base.

7 Data not available.

NOTE: Indexes apply to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.



#### **CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis**

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in January, following a 0.1 percent decline in December. The energy index, which declined sharply in each of the preceding three months, advanced 0.9 percent in January. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 2.5 percent, while the index for energy services fell 0.4 percent. The food index, which was unchanged in December, rose 0.3 percent in January, reflecting an

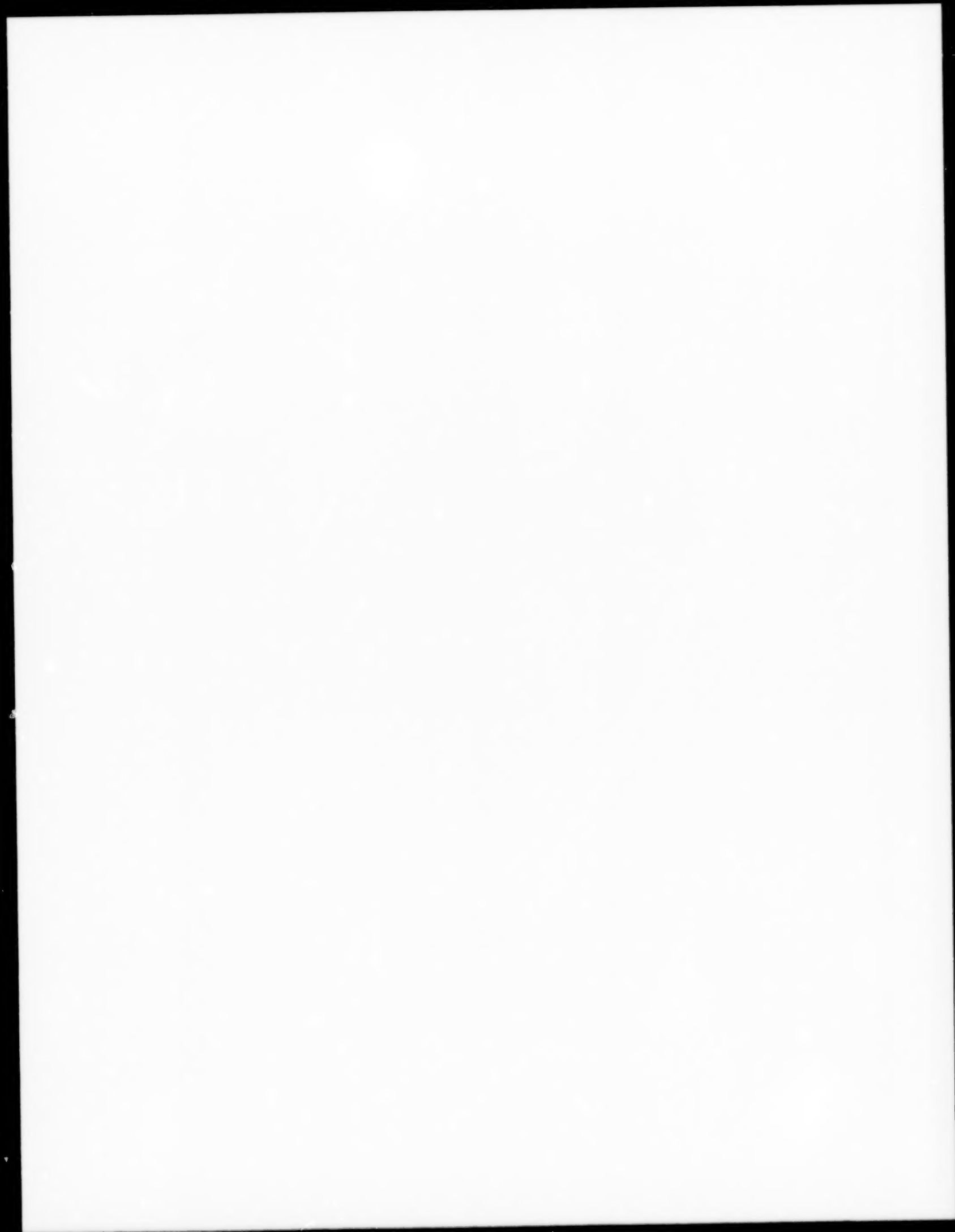
upturn in prices for fruits and vegetables. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in January after increasing 0.1 percent in December.

Upturns in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for recreation, coupled with a larger increase in the index for medical care, accounted for the larger advance in January.

**NEXT CPI RELEASE: FEBRUARY DATA ON MARCH 21, 2002 8:30AM (EST); TRY OUR CPI QUICKLINE: 202-691-6994**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE: BLS Has Updated the Expenditure Weights Used in the CPI**

Effective with the release of data for January 2002, a new set of expenditure weights, using 1999-2000 Consumer Expenditure Survey data, replaced the 1993-95 weights formerly used in the CPI. In addition, BLS intends to update the expenditure weights used in the CPI every two years. For example, the index for January 2004 will use 2001-2001 expenditure weights, and so on. Historically, expenditure weights used in the CPI were updated approximately every ten years.



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